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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector for Nerve Cell**
Inventors: Fukumura *et al.*
Our Ref: 2144.0270001/RWE/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 along with Exhibit 1;
3. Copy of Revocation of Prior Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorneys of Record;
4. Copies of Terminal Disclaimers previously filed on June 14, 2005 (over U.S. Appl. Nos. 09/728,207 and 10/444,661);
5. Copy of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office postcard date-stamped June 14, 2005;
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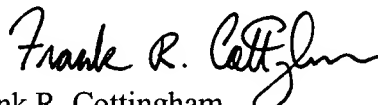
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